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On the Gulch

A Newsletter For and About
City of Helena Employees



City Departments Continue to Support Our Community

Employee News

Congratulations to:

Michael Kent from SSD and Rick Bagley, City/County building division on your retirement. You'll both be missed!

Brett Petty, promoted to Lieutenant in July!

And welcome to:

Tyson Lesmeister, our new engineering technician!

Guns & Hoses: Softball game raised funds for Big Brothers

On August 3, the Helena Fire Department challenged the Helena Police Department to a softball game to benefit Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Helena. They raised about \$4,000! Thank you to those officers and firefighters who participated.



Over 6,000 Pounds of Food Collected at Food for Fines Event

On August 1st, our Helena Municipal Courts and Big Sky Bail Bonds teamed up to collect food for Helena Food Share.

Those with fines were able to donate items, receiving a \$5 credit per can with a maximum credit of \$100 applied towards the fines owed.

It was a huge success, 6,009 pounds of food were collected and delivered to Helena Food Share. The Food Share team was in place with volunteers from Big Sky Bail Bonds to assist in receiving donations. Those who couldn't make it to the Food for Fines event were able to delegate another person to make a donation for them.

This was the fifth year of the Food for Fines event and clearly a success!

A Reminder from Your HR Office! ~ Morgan Maynard-Dixon

Employees and their covered dependents who are 18 years old or older - schedule your Wellness Screening AND follow-up at CareHere before **September 30!** To be eligible for the first \$50 Visa Gift Card, the Wellness Screening **MUST** be scheduled between July 1 and September 30, 2014. I've been asked if a screening before July 1 counts for the \$50 - *it does not!*

A **second** \$50.00 Visa gift card will be given for completing a physician follow up with your personal physician or with a CareHere medical professional. You will need the Physician's Screening Results Sign Off Form if you or your dependent uses a physician outside of the CareHere Clinic. Visit our Intranet page to download the PDF to bring to your physician. <https://intranet.helenamt.gov/hr/benefits.html>

A **THIRD** \$50.00 Visa gift card will be awarded to each participant if at least 70% of covered City of Helena employees participate in the screening.

Need more information? Call Morgan Maynard-Dixon at 447-8333

Summer in Montana - Plenty of Activities!

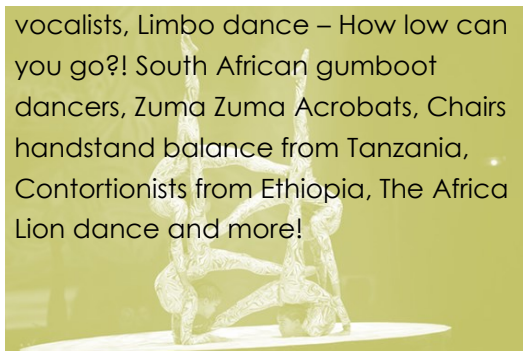
Alive@5 each Wednesday, **Farmer's Market** each Saturday, plus activities through our L&C Library, try geocaching, biking, hiking, the list is endless! Check out the calendar at HelenaEvents.net

Events at the Civic Center You Won't Want to Miss!

Cirque Zuma Zuma Saturday, October 4, 2014

Cirque Zuma Zuma is unlike anything you've ever seen. It is described as an African-style Cirque du Soleil; such is the standard of the performers and the quality of the show's live musical score. Like Cirque, the talent pool of 120 loyal performers has a family business kind of feel. Cirque Zuma Zuma packs every show with non-stop action and incredible features which keep audiences on the edges of their seats.

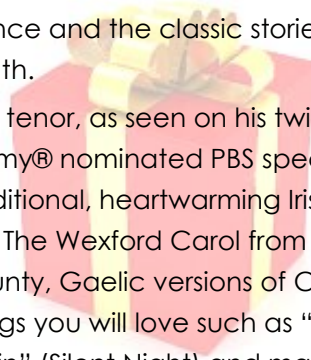
The show includes performances of all different types of African culture, including: South African female vocalists, Limbo dance – How low can you go?! South African gumboot dancers, Zuma Zuma Acrobats, Chairs handstand balance from Tanzania, Contortionists from Ethiopia, The Africa Lion dance and more!



Michael Londra's Celtic Yultide Saturday, December 13, 2014

Michael presents an evening of "Christmas from Ireland" told in song, dance and the classic stories of his youth.

The tenor, as seen on his twice Emmy® nominated PBS special, sings traditional, heartwarming Irish carols like The Wexford Carol from his home county, Gaelic versions of Christmas songs you will love such as "Oiche Ciuin" (Silent Night) and many carols more familiar to international audiences like O Come Emmanuel and The First Noel and sung in a Celtic traditional style by one the most pure voices out of Ireland. The former lead voice of Riverdance on Broadway also brings world champion Irish dancers, an amazing band of fiddles and pipes and Michael's festive warmth for an evening of holiday fun.



Employee Appreciation Luncheon

Mark your calendars for our annual appreciation luncheon.

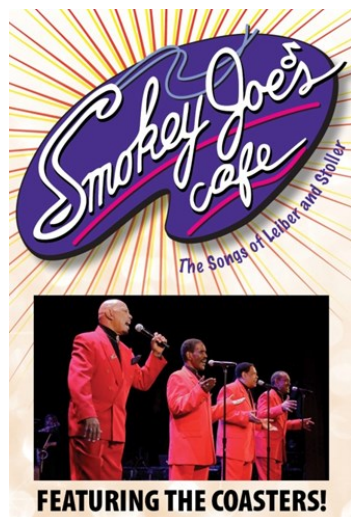
Employee service and appreciation awards will be presented and as always, there will be a delicious lunch.

Wednesday

September 24th

Lunch serving starts at 11:30

More details will be sent out closer to the event.



SMOKEY JOE'S CAFÉ featuring the COASTERS! Tuesday, January 6, 2015

Welcome to the hottest joint in town! The Coasters are headlining and it's always a party at SMOKEY JOE'S CAFÉ! This Tony Award®-nominated and Grammy Award®-winning salute to legendary songwriters Leiber and Stoller is a raise the roof, song-and dance celebration of some of rock 'n' roll's greatest hits! Get ready for songs like "Hound Dog," "Stand by Me," "Yakety Yak," "Jailhouse Rock," "Spanish Harlem," "On Broadway," "Kansas City," "Love Potion #9," "Fools Fall in Love" and many more. The New York Daily News calls SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE "wildly infectious" and Time Magazine says, "it sails and soars!" "A hit parade...Leiber and Stoller are the Rodgers and Hammerstein of rock 'n' roll!" ~The New York Times

**Tickets go on sale Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at the Helena Civic Center Box Office 10am-4pm.
Call (406) 447-8481 or go online: helenaciviccenter.com to purchase.**